been asked to workout details of cost savings as a result of development of the proposed National Waterway and the details of Physical works that could be take up with minimal expenditure

Trade Potentials in Gulf Countries

4883 KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to stated

(a) hether there is a tremendous trade potential in the Gulf countries ,

(b) if so, the steps taken to establish trade with those countries , and

(c) the area in which the trade has already been established , country wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) There is a continuing flow of trade between India and the Gulf countnes Trade with Iraq is, however subject to the economic sanctions imposed by the UN security council Major items exported to other Gulf countries viz , Bahrain, Kuwait Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Republic and Yeman, include engineering goods, fruits & Vegetable, processed foods, rice, tea, textiles, gems & jewellery chemicals etc Steps taken to increase trade and commercial cooperation with the Gulf countries include discussions at Govt to Govt level at the for of Joint Commissions Committees, participation in trade fairs & exhibitions, encouragement to Indian companies to establish direct contacts with their counterpart organisations in these countries etc

Warship Andaman

4884 SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN Will the minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the warship Andaman had fallen in accident on August 20, 1990,

(b) if so, the fate of the movable and immovable properties belonging to the official and non official employees of that ship ,

(c) number of persons present on board and the persons who lost their lives dunng accident ,

(d) whether the next of kin of all the officers and seamen drowned have since been provided with compensation or employment

(e) if so, the details thereof, and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) In Andaman a petya Class patrol vessel sank in the Bay of Bengal at 1405 hours on the 21st August, 1990

(b) Personal belongings of all the personnel on board were lost at sea along with the ship

(c) The ship had a complement of 11 officers and 121 sailors on board 15 of them lost their lives

(d) Yes Sir

(e) The next of kin of all the deceased personnel have been paid compensation which includes special Family Pension / Dependents Pension Death Gratuity, Family Transfer and Luggage Allowance Besides the above, payments from Non public Funds like the Indian Naval Benevolent Fund and the Naval Group Insurance scheme have also been made Employment assistance has been sanctioned in four cases